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Derailment/Hazardous Material Release
Paulsboro, New Jersey
November 30, 2012

Hazardous Materials
Group Factual Report

ATTACHMENT 57 - GLOUCESTER COUNTY
LETTER TO PAULSBORO REGARDING
EOP RECERTIFICATION AND
RESPONSE TO NTSB QUESTIONS

Below are your questions followed by our answers in red.

1. Copies of Quarterly Program status reports submitted to the State Office of Emergency Management that specifically discuss the emergency preparedness of the Borough of Paulsboro.

We do not maintain quarterly status reports of the emergency preparedness of Paulsboro

2. Please confirm the name of the Paulsboro Emergency Management Coordinator that coordinates with your Department. Your website (<http://www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/e/emeresponse/ememanage/ememanage.asp>) states that it is Glenn Roemmich.

Correct, Mr. Roemmich is the last named EMC

3. Please provide a chronology (with detailed dates) of the history of EOP submissions and correspondence with the Borough of Paulsboro regarding their submissions. Also, please provide copies of correspondence with the Paulsboro Emergency Management Coordinator regarding the Paulsboro Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) and its review.

Attachment 1. We sent Paulsboro a letter reminding them their plan was due for recertification and what steps needed to be taken to recertify. All discussions with Paulsboro regarding EOP status were conducted verbally.

4. Please provide clarification regarding your website (<http://www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/e/emeresponse/ememanage/emeops.asp>) which states that the Paulsboro EOP has been expired since July 31, 2010.

Correct

5. Copies of HMA-4 and HMA-7 of the County of Gloucester Emergency Operations Plan, Annex H – Hazardous Materials Annex.

Attachment 2 & 3 (taken from Annex)

6. Please provide the date that the County of Gloucester Emergency Operations Plan, Annex H – Hazardous Materials Annex was approved by all signatories. Or please provide copy of signed and approved document.

Attachment 4

7. Dates and training plans for CBRNE training exercises conducted from 2011 through 2012. attachment 5 & 6

8. Details about the type of air monitoring equipment available for the CBRNE team and their capabilities.

Air monitor equipment: Rae Systems

- Area Raes
- Multi Rae

All are O₂, CO, H₂S, LEL, and VOC. All team members are trained on all the meters.

9. Are you serving in an appointed position that is subject to approval from the State OEM (per NJSA Appendix A:9-42.1)?

Appointed by the Gloucester County Freeholder Board to a 3 year appointment.

10. Over the past 2 years (2011-2012), have there been incidents where the level of response needed surpassed the municipal Fire Department's capabilities and the County was delegated all or part of the incident command?

The County does not assume the Incident Command role at any incident. County assets have always worked under the direction of the local IC by providing technical assistance to the response

11. Officially, what was the classification category/level given to the Paulsboro derailment (per your EOP – Hazardous Materials Annex)? Was this a level II or III incident?

Level III

12. Given that OxyVinyls and PolyOne are explicitly mentioned in the EOP – Hazardous Materials Annex, has the County established (or ever considered establishing) standard operating procedures (SOPs) for dealing with a vinyl chloride incident?

We follow the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook, material safety data sheets, and reference materials available in response vehicles and available subject matter experts.



TO: Glenn Roemmich
DATE: April 19, 2010
SUBJECT: Paulsboro EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
RECERTIFICATION

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The Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough of Paulsboro is due July 31, 2010 for recertification by the State. By July 31, 2010, one complete copy of your Plan, in a binder, should be delivered to the County OEM for its review

The following items must be included in the submission at that time:

1. A transmittal letter to this office submitting the updated Plan to the County on Paulsboro's letterhead.
2. Updated Council by Ledger. (form enclosed)
3. Updated signature pages for all annexes.
4. Page BP-4, Record of Changes, from your Basic Plan reflecting all changes made to the Plan since its last certification by the State in 2006. Initials of those who have made revisions to the EOP since its last certification must be on the Record of Changes page next to their revisions.
5. Updated Checklists for each Annex.
6. Copy of your Plan on a disk.

Please call if you have any questions on the above or need any further assistance from this office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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J. Thomas Butts, GC EMC

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cc: Len E. Clark, GC Deputy EMC
Sgt. Bryan Everingham, NJSP OEM
Mayor John Burzichelli

HMA-4: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SOPs

SOP for Initial Notification

Upon initial notification, the Gloucester County Communications Center (9-1-1) receives all requests for fire and EMS response. The Center will dispatch the appropriate response equipment. In conjunction with this, it is the Center's standard operating procedure on hazardous materials incidents to notify the local Emergency Management Coordinator, the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection Hotline (609) **** PII **** or 1-877-**** PII **** the County Department of Health and Senior Services and the OEM.

Recovery operations are under the jurisdiction of the County Office of Emergency Response, New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection, and other appropriate agencies. These operations are spelled out in their SOPs. (This is found in the County Environmental Health Act.) Gloucester County Department of Health and Senior Services has a contract with the State Department of Environmental Protection to provide emergency response services.

Under New Jersey law, primary responsibility for emergency response lies with the municipality. The municipal Emergency Management Coordinator is "responsible for the planning, activation, coordination and conduct of disaster control operations within his municipality." In practice, the municipal EMC will generally delegate the actual tactical decision-making during an incident to others. In most cases, the municipal Fire Chief having jurisdiction will serve as the Incident Commander and will direct all operations. The municipal EMC will ensure that the Fire Chief has the resources and training needed to control the emergency and will coordinate the actions of other individuals and groups in support of the Fire Chief.

It is important to note that many municipalities within the County have limited capabilities to respond to HazMat incidents, particularly one requiring offensive action. In a situation where the level of response needed surpasses the municipal Fire Department's capability, the municipal EMC and/or the Incident Commander may delegate authority for all or part of the incident command. All municipalities have contracted with the County Office of Emergency Response to provide this service for HazMat incident response.

In cases involving more than one municipality, the County Emergency Management Coordinator will assume responsibility for overall management of the incident. The municipal Emergency Management Coordinators involved, and their teams, become part of the County Coordinator's team. The municipal EMCs and Incident Commanders will continue to exercise responsibility for the tactical control of the incident within their jurisdictions, but will coordinate their efforts through the County EMC.

HMA-7: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING

According to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Law 29-CRF-1910.120, all personnel who come into contact with hazardous material during the normal course of their duties must have training specific to their level of involvement. The program established by the NJ OEM will be used in conjunction with other materials that meet OSHA standards.

Training will be provided through the Gloucester County Fire Training Academy, the Gloucester County College Police Academy, and the New Jersey School of Medicine and Dentistry's EMT Training Program (which is offered within the County). Other courses will be made available through the Gloucester County OEM in conjunction with the HMAT (such as industrial on-site training, etc.).

All new employees will be properly trained within thirty days of employment if they are expected to have any contact with hazardous materials.

The following training levels have been targeted:

Police = Awareness Level

Fire = Awareness and Operational Levels

EMS = EMS Basic

The Gloucester County Office of Emergency Response has established an internal training program and has participated in assisting the training of police, fire, and EMS personnel within the County.

The incident command system is the target program for training all emergency response personnel (especially the leadership in each department).

Refresher training and exercises will be provided on an annual basis.

Due to the nature of hazardous materials incidents, response speed is critical. Thus, in-place sheltering is often preferable to evacuation. Therefore, public warning procedures include notification to remain in-house with windows secure until it is safe to make an appropriate evacuation if necessary. This is being addressed in a County-wide training program through a brochure that is being prepared and distributed by the Gloucester County Hazardous Materials Advisory Council in conjunction with the OEM.

(See Alerting, Warning and Communications Annex of the County Plan for a more detailed explanation.)

Statement of Approval

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10 Hazardous Materials of the Gloucester County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) meets the approval of the Gloucester County Emergency Management Coordinator and the Gloucester ESF 10 Coordinator and is hereby approved. This annex supersedes any previously written Hazardous Materials annexes.

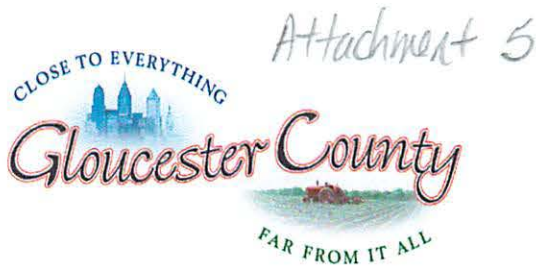
Approval date 3/19/12

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Gloucester County Haz-Mat Team

Training Schedule 2011

January	18
February	15
March	15
April	19
May	17
June	21
July	19
August	16
Sept	20
Oct.	18
Nov	15
Dec	20

Training will begin at promptly 1000 hours for all Tuesday training dates and end no later than 1300 hours.

All team members are encouraged to attend all training dates. These trainings are designed for enhancing and maintaining our skills in a hazardous atmosphere and also to increase comfort levels. Reminder all team members must attend a minimum of 50% of all drills and/or responses to maintain an active team member.

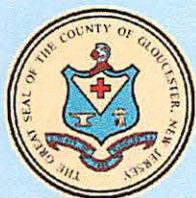
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Thank you for your continual efforts.

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Gloucester County Hazardous Materials Response Unit

Listed below are the training sessions for the Gloucester County Haz-Mat Unit. There is a total of six training dates. All team members must maintain a 50% average to remain active on the team. The training sessions will last 3 hours in length.

February 16th - Camden County Fire Academy 09:00 – 12:00

- Rea Meters training session
- Testing strips (pH paper / Waste Water Test Strips)
- Level A Dress out
- **Documentation**
 - o Current Certifications including medical clearance form.
 - o Re signed agreement

April 19th - Camden County Fire Academy 09:00 – 12:00

- Level B Dress out
- Tool Station
- Bonding & Grounding

June 21st - Salem County Fire Academy 18:00 – 22:00

- Rail Car

August 23 - Washington Twp High School 18:00 – 22:00

- Full Scale Drill within school
- Decontamination

October 18th - Paulsboro Refining (Valero) 09:00 – 22:00

- Pat Robinson Foam Operations Class

December 20th - Brunch TBA 10:00

There are several other classes that we are looking to bring in sometime around late May. As soon as I have dates I will e-mail them out. The Homeland Security classes are still being offered at zero cost. Pat Dolgos will have several classes at the February training session.

Applications are currently being accepted to join the Haz-Mat Team. Testing date is March 20th at 09:00. If you know anyone that is interested please have them fill out the application online and also send me a resume.

Please be sure to bring all current certifications and medical clearance forms on the February training date.

Thanks,

Jack DeAngelo